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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

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港香

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

Feb. 27, OSAKA, Brit. M., 627, Leese, Bang
kok 24th January, 12,500 piculs Rice—
JOHN BURG & CO.

Feb. 28, L'INSULATRE French br., 324, Fleu
re, Saigon 2nd February, 10,000 piculs
Rice, &c., &c.

Feb. 27, PIOTROS French br., 891, Ollivrand,
Saigon 21st January, 8,200 piculs
Rice, and 300 bales Cotton—Oupan.

Departures.

Feb. 28, SIN NANKING, str., for Canton.

Feb. 29, CARNARVON CASTLE, for Saigon.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTERS' OFFICE,
25TH FEBRUARY

Emigration, for Macao.

Titan, for Saigon.

Crested Wave, for Saigon.

Siam, for Tientsin.

Mozambique, for Rangoon.

Rose M., for Saigon.

PANDEBEN.

For Wm. Miller, str., from Saigon,
6 Chinese.

For L'insulat, from Saigon—
1 European.

Reports.

The British ship *Osaka*, from Saigon,
is signalled; also a British brig.

The British steamer *William Miller* left
Saigon on the 18th February, reports very
strong motion, and heavy sea and thick
dark weather. Parted company with str. *Ado* out-
side Cape St. James.

The *Ado*, brig, from Newell, N.S.W., reports having experienced until the
18th, a long, 168 E., unsteady trade with num-
erous winds between the line to the Basques and
N.E. trade was again unsteady, and very far to
E. until Basque Channel, then strong
monsoon and dark rainy weather and heavy
sea.

The French bark *L'Insulat* reports mod-
erate monsoon and fine weather after passing
Capo Padarao, made the Coast of Luzon on the
23rd, where bad calms.

The French bark *Padarao* left Cape St. James
on the 31st, passed Capo Padarao on February
5th, moderate monsoon turned to windward
until making the Coast of Luzon on the 15th,
then calms until the 22nd, then had strong
N.E. gales until the 25th; on making the
land much rain, with obscure weather and
wind from N.N.W.

The British brig *Osaka* reports left Bang-
kok January 24th, and had light winds in Siam
Gulf, passed Pulau 1st February, 14th, sighted
Cape Padarao, the 10th, then had to take
a northward course, and after which
met winds between N.E. and E.N.E. until
arrived with high seas, and during the last
few days thick overcast weather; entered the
Ladrones, 33 days out, and heavy seas, experienced
strong winds, and during the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th
from Bangkok to Shanghai; being then
in company with the British brig *Outer Cap*,
and brig *Annie Scott*, Bangkok hither.

Auction Notices To-day.

D. L. NOBONHA & Co.

—Alum.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

Sundry Articles.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Warements, &c.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

A. SOUND and quiet.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Co., 22nd February, 1871.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPAO DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

UNTIL further notice the Company are
prepared to tow Vessels to and from
Whampao, and remeal them in their Stone
Docks (with Caissons), at

40 FORTY CENTS PER SHEET.

By Order,

G. N. MINTO, Secretary.

1st 663 Hongkong, 7th April, 1870.

HONGKONG RACES.

BY the kind permission of the Authorities,

Mr. EDWARD R. HOLMES is enabled to
announce that the COSMOPOLITAN BEVERAGE
PIVILLION

has been erected for the day entered
into partnership as Merchants and
Commission Agents, will conduct their business
under the name and style of NORTON,
LYALL & Co.

EDWARD NORTON,
ROBERT LYALL,
ff 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1871.

NOTICE.

M. R. DUNCAN DAVIDSON is a partner in
our firm from this date.

BROWN & Co.

3rd 5 Amoy, 1st January, 1871.

WANTED.

WE have this day established a branch of
our firm at Saigon, as COMMISSION
MERCHANTS.

A. O. HOGG & Co.

Hongkong and Saigon,

2nd 217 Saigon, 1st January, 1871.

MEDICAL MAN, married, long resident
at one of the Coast Ports, who is about
to leave China for a time, is willing to take
medical charge of a Steamer going via Suei
Kuan to England, about April next. For terms
and other particulars apply to Messrs. A. S.
WATSON & Co., Hongkong, 26th January, 1871. [In
102 China, 1st January, 1870.]

FOR SALE.

E. R. HANDLEY,
HOUSE AND SHIP, PLUMBER,
COPPER SMITH,
BRASS FOUNDER AND GAS FITTER,
(LATE A. H. HANDLEY),
7th Floor, 1st April, 1871.

Next to the P. & O. Coal Stores,
HONGKONG. [Sept. 15]

COSMOPOLITAN FAMILY HOTEL,
Corner of 1st and Shelley Streets,
HONGKONG.

(LATE CLUB LUSITANO).

BESTAURANT
PRIVATE DINING ROOMS,
AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

Every variety of Choice WINES and
SPIRITS will keep constantly on hand, and
supplied at very moderate rates.

EDWARD R. HOLMES,

of 1631, Hongkong, 1st January, 1871.

102 Hongkong, 9th February, 1871.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$90,000,000 Dollars.

Court of Directors:

Chairman—HON. R. ROBERTS.

Deputy Chairman—T. P. FYKE, Esq.

H. H. HARRIS, Esq.

George H. HALL, Esq.

S. D. SASOON, Esq.

James Greig, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager.

Shanghai—David McLellan, Esq.

London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

Interest ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1
per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and
every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

Drafts—granted, London, and the chief
commercial cities in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, Acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

1st February, 1871.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The DIVIDEND declared for the half-year
ending on 31st December last, at the rate
of Eight per cent. per annum, say \$8 per paid
share, of \$125, and \$8 per share on which
\$7.5 have been paid, is payable on and after
THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at the Offices of
the Corporation, where Shareholders are re-
quested to apply for their dividends.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JAMES GREIG,

Acting Chief Manager.

1st 319 Hongkong, 15th February, 1871.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS,
HONGKONG AGENCY.

M. R. FOIRIER takes charge of the
Agency, from this day, as Acting Manager.

1st 1m 206 Hongkong, 1st February, 1871.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

REGISTRED UNDER THE COMPANY'S
ORDINANCE, NO. 1, OF 1865.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Hon. H. B. GRIBBLE, of Messrs. Gibb,
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HEAD OFFICE AT HONGKONG.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

1st 309 Hongkong, 28th February, 1871.

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NOW READY.

BOUND VOLUMES of the TRADE REPORT for the year 1870. Price \$10. Apply at the Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 1st February, 1871.

BIRTHS.

At Saigon, on the 3rd instant, the wife of F. G. Cawell, Esq., H.B.M. Consul, of a son.

On the 26th February, at No. 8, Shelley Street, Hongkong, the wife of Mr. C. A. O'Connor, Jr., of a son. [33]

The dates of the Daily Press from the 1st instant, on Monday morning at 10.30, and the last morning's lot will be at 10.40.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1871.

This despatch from Mr. HAMMOND to the Chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, upon the protection of British subjects in China, which was published in yesterday's paper, is at all events satisfactory, as showing that the Government at home are at last awakening to the infatuated nature of the course of policy which they have hitherto pursued in this matter. Mr. HAMMOND now writes, that although it was not expressed in so many words, it was the intention of Her Majesty's Government, in the instructions conveyed to the Admiralty, to permit the landing of marines from the vessels of war in the event of its appearing at any place that danger was likely to arise. The explanation is somewhat startling to those who are acquainted with the actual facts of the case; and it cannot but be felt that it adds but little to the reputation of the Government either for honesty or dignity. How can it possibly be stated that it was implied in the despatch that a body of marines should be landed when danger threatened, when it was expressly stated that the naval forces were on no account to take action unless the lives of British subjects were actually in danger?

The wording of the instructions, indeed, was clear, that upon Mr. Consul MELVILLE, applying to the Senior Naval Officer at Shanghai to know what was the meaning of them, he was unhesitatingly informed that the Naval authorities could not take steps to prevent outbreaks arising, but could only proceed to action when the lives of British subjects were actually in danger; and even then could not do so, if it was possible to receive them on board the men of war in port. Nothing in fact could be more clear than the bearing of the instructions; and yet in the face of the official documents showing what they actually were, we are told that they meant something totally different to their wording, and that the naval officers would be expected to act in a different way to that which was plainly indicated in their instructions. The representations upon the subject have been evidently more than the Government considered it advisable to ignore; and it is also clear that they recognised fully the error that was made in the previous instructions. Would it not, under such circumstances, have been far more dignified to have confined themselves simply to the practical bearing of the matter, and to have stated what they intended to do for the future protection of British subjects in China, than to make an excuse for the past which only added to their original error in the adoption of a wrong policy, the further error of misrepresenting what they had done? The Government was not called upon to make excuse for its action. All that was necessary was that it should give the Chamber of Commerce and the other residents in China, an assurance that in the future a policy more in accordance with the necessities of the position would be adopted.

As above observed, it is very satisfactory to find that at last the false ideas with regard to China are giving way to sounder views. We have evidence now that both in the United States and in England the Governments are not prepared to go to the full length recommended to them in the adoption of a peace at any price policy. They are determined to make a stand at least at the point where the security of their subjects becomes menaced, and to let the Chinese know there is a limit beyond which their forbearance will not go. It is to be hoped that the Pekin authorities will be wise enough to read the signs of the times, and that they can read them, will also be able to act upon their knowledge. It may be feared that firmness is being shown, too late; and that it may now be beyond the power of the Imperial Government to cope with the formidable factions in the country, who are in opposition at once to them and to foreigners. Prompt action at first would have had the effect of silencing the fictions; but it is to be feared that the encouragement which has been given by allowing the idea to get about that only on the severest provocation would foreigners act, may have raised an opposition to the Imperial Government which it will be beyond their power to face.

A despatch written some time ago by Mr. Geo. F. SEWARD, U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai, upon the question of sending an expedition to the Corea, is given elsewhere, as likely to be of interest at the present time; when it is stated that an expedition such as that suggested is about to be undertaken. It will be observed that three objects are suggested—first, to obtain some explanation with respect to the General Sherman; secondly, to secure a treaty guaranteeing proper treatment to shipwrecked crews; and, lastly, procuring a general commercial treaty. Mr. Seward does not consider the Chinese could be any difficulty with regard to obtaining the first two objects; nor can there be any question as to their desirability. He speaks with more diffidence as to the advisability or otherwise of opening general commercial intercourse; but upon the whole looks upon such a step as likely to be advantageous, and one which cannot be very much longer delayed, considering the position of that country, and the rapidly increasing trade in all directions in its neighbourhood. We have been informed that a large party in the Corea would be glad that foreign intercourse should be established, as they are fearful of the encroachments of Russia; but that there is something like a revolution going on in the country, and that the power in favour of the reigning dynasty is not desirous that foreign intercourse should be established. It would not be difficult to ascertain generally what is the true state of affairs; and if intercourse could be opened up with that rich and salubrious country, in close proximity to the 3rd instant.

with China, a great step would be accomplished towards the advancement of Western commerce and civilization in these parts.

A very important document, which was handed by Chief-Justice SMAIL to the Legislative Council on the 11th November last, is reprinted from the Government Gazette of Saturday. It contains a formal representation with respect to the present state of the Police Force in the Colony, as well as some well considered remarks with regard to the working of Gambling Licensing in Hongkong. Although there are some portions of the documents with it is not possible fully to agree, such, for example, as the calculations made with regard to the quantity of money which is annually absorbed in gambling, and other points which may be open to doubt, such as the strong view taken in respect to the action of the Police in the Sowkwan business, the document on the whole is very valuable, as it pointedly calls attention to the two great evils in the Colony—the effects of the Gambling system, and the want of proper organization and system in the Police Service. It is somewhat strange that this document has been kept back so long.

MORE NOISE ABOUT NOISES.

It is a curious question how much noise is considered lawful and proper, at what point noise becomes unlawful and improper, and at what point after that it becomes lawful and proper again. From the daily police cases in which wicked Chinamen are punished for disturbing the peace of Christians by exploding their truly diabolical crackers, one might judge that this amount of noise at all events—the noise of fire-crackers—is inadmissible. But there are various degrees of noise which are quite allowable, for aught that appears to the contrary.

Locong-chow-tai, a notorious place where the real gambling party was broken up, and merely stopped to pick up some cast. Fined \$1, in default three days imprisonment.

COTTON WASTE.

Wong Aree, gambling with dice in a basin with a small quantity of Cotton waste upon his person, was convicted of unlawful possession, fined 20s., in default 14 days imprisonment. Defendant said that he had taken the cotton to wipe his face and hands, and instead of throwing it down put it in his pocket. It was fined \$1.

Chen Ahne, apprehended while with dice and two gamblers in the Big Iron Street, was fined fifteen others, made a similar offence, he also was taken by mistake. Fined \$1, in default three days imprisonment.

GAMBLING.

Locong-chow-tai, for gambling with others in Sowkwan, was fined \$1.

Locong-chow-tai, for the place when the real gambling party was broken up, and merely stopped to pick up some cast. Fined \$1, in default three days imprisonment.

SAIGON DECISION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR.—I trust you will find room in your widely spread paper to insert the following, of which I was the author.

Resolved that a Committee of this Council be now appointed to enquire into the state of the Police, and into the constitution and duties and mode of payment of the Force called District Watchmen, and of the body of men called District Constables, and into the manner in which they are recruited, and into the manner in which they are employed, and into the manner in which they are remunerated.

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